

The Northwest Highlands

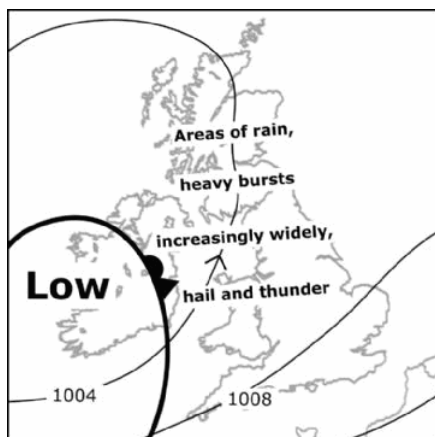
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 30 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 August, 2026

Areas of rain and low cloud around many mountains. Some drier periods in the morning, but into afternoon increasingly widespread heavy downpours and thunderstorms develop. Fairly light winds for much of the Highlands, becoming breezier England, stronger winds on Welsh mountains.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Local rain, showery bursts develop, varied low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 30 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly, 5 to 15mph, speeds varying, often strongest near Skye, gusty at times elsewhere toward coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, sudden gusts in showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, showery bursts form Local rain and drizzle from dawn into the morning, may give some steadier falls of rain mainly Skye to Kintail areas, patchier or drier further north. By afternoon, local heavier showery bursts, particularly south, risk isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying, extensive in rain Shrouding high terrain at dawn, varied lower banks, locally into the glens where rain occurs. Some rise of base and local breaks likely best north of Torridon. Lowering widely again in heavier rain with ragged low patches.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% rising to 50% for a time
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, rare weak sun mainly toward the northwest. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced to poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 to 9C, coolest toward north in morning, rising slightly to locally 10C afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

	Monday 31 August	Tuesday 1 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable south turning southwesterly 10-20mph early morning, increasing 25-30mph, shifting westerly with time. Fairly small to start, but increasingly blustery affecting ease of walking in exposure. Marked wind chill.	Westerly 25 to 40mph, speeds may vary, risk of much stronger speeds over 50mph for part of the day. Strenuous walking conditions, buffeting affecting balance on exposed ridges. Risk widely difficult. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off Showery rain much of the day, some drier moments, but rain fairly frequent over western hills. Some heavier bursts move east during afternoon, chance of thunder. Patchy rain returns from west into night.	Early rain then showers A few hours of persistent rain from around dawn, breaking up into showers, these briefly heavy, may be well scattered.
Cloud on the hills? 	Lowest morning, often covering west tops Fairly widespread to low elevations early in day. The base tending to rise but will come and go 800m in west, brief higher breaks. Further east clearing above 900-1000m.	Western tops mostly covered Covering hills fairly widely above 600-800m at first. Bases rising with some breaks, but often capping west coast tops above 800-900m. Better breaks eastward.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, brief glimpses of sun, locally more frequent sun near west coast late in day. Visibility good away from showers.	Occasional sun breaking through, mainly eastern areas. Visibility fairly good, though some haze in west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C tending to lower during day to 6C. Feeling near then just below freezing as wind increases. Above the summits.	4 to 6C, coolest toward far northwest. Feeling like -5C in the wind, or colder if speeds rise. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 31 August, 2026

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Saturday, 29 August, 2026

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